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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

The approbation with which these Prayers have been received has induced me to revise them with care; in consequence, some slight alterations, chiefly in arrangement, have been made. I have now also completed my original design, by adding a Fourth Sunday's Prayers to the Three contained in the former Edition, and by subjoining Services for the Administration of Baptism and of the Lord's Supper, for the Celebration of Marriage, and for the Burial of the Dead.

In composing these additions I have availed myself, to some extent, of materials found in other works, ancient and modern. But several of these Prayers have been so long in hands, and have been so much corrected and altered, and so often re-written, that it is not now easy for me to separate those portions which are derived or copied from the rest. Nor is it of much consequence. The substance of all prayers must, in the nature of things, be the same. Probably, however, the work would have been better if I had copied and appropriated more.

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In this Edition of the Extracts from the Psalter, those passages have been left out which are embodied in the Four Sundays' Prayers; and thus room has been made for a number of other compositions which are found scattered over various books of the Old and New Testament. These compositions, though not included in the Psalter, should be reckoned Psalms as much as any that are comprised in that collection; being not only poetical in spirit and devotional in sentiment, but metrical, and even in many cases lyrical in form. These Psalms, no less than those extracted from the Psalter, will be found admirably adapted for Christian worship, whether in public or in private.

On the whole, I have spared no pains to render this work as perfect as I could, according to my idea.

May God command His blessing; and may He bestow upon all His servants the Spirit of grace and supplication; without which the most perfect prayers are but empty formalities, dead words, unacceptable to God, unprofitable to ourselves.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

THE following Prayers are a selection from a much greater number which the Author has composed at different times for his own use in public worship; and they are published in the belief that they will be acceptable to the members of his own congregation—and in the hope that they may prove useful to others, such as emigrants, colonists, and the like, who, being far removed from a church, may yet desire to celebrate Divine worship on the Lord's Day, with their neighbours and the members of their own families.

This kind of composition, though it may appear at first sight extremely easy, will be found, by any one who comprehends the qualities which should distinguish it, to be very difficult. Accordingly, it is remarkable that few eminently successful examples of it have appeared in modern times—fewer probably than in any other department of religious literature.

The author of the following Prayers has done his best endeavour that they should not be declamatory,

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oratorical, or fine—familiar, tedious, or particular—didactic or sermonizing; and he has laboured to make them, as far as he could, simple, dignified, and devotional; suggesting as much as possible, without running into detail. He has also studied that they should assert, or rather imply, Christian doctrines in a catholic spirit, avoiding all sectarian vehemence, and controversial exaggeration. It has also appeared to him becoming that the prayers of the Church should express Christian doctrines, especially those doctrines which are termed *mysteries*, as much as possible in the language of Scripture: and that they should perpetually suggest the connexion of the duties and graces of the Christian character, with the great gospel verities; aiming at the production neither of a dead morality on one hand, nor of an equally dead and far more useless orthodoxy on the other; but seeking to combine Christian life with Christian motive and feeling—*faith working by love.*

Whether, or in what degree, those faults may have been avoided, or these virtues attained, in the following compositions, the author can only say that he has bestowed considerable labour in endeavouring to gain a just conception of what is demanded, and also to realize his conception. For these ends, he has taken some pains to make himself acquainted with the Liturgical Literature of the ancient Churches, both Latin and Greek, especially with the oriental Greek Liturgies, collected in the great

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work of Renaudot (2 vols. 4to, Paris, 1847), as well as with the more important of the Presbyterian Liturgies, all of which were derived from that of Geneva.

These studies have convinced him that while those venerable documents may suggest useful hints, and may help to guard us against some errors, our wisdom now consists not in seeking to revive, or even closely to copy any of them, either those which are more ancient, or those which originated at a comparatively late period; it being evident that both have faults, though of different and even opposite kinds, which would render them unsuitable and unacceptable to us; but in taking our devotional compositions more directly from the Scriptures themselves—especially the book of Psalms, which should be regarded as the standard liturgy and grand magazine of devotion for the Church of God, in all ages and countries.

Under this impression, such portions of the Psalter as appeared suitable, have been extracted, and form the second part of this little Manual. Selections from the Psalms have, besides, been largely interspersed among the other prayers; an arrangement which gives to the service a peculiar richness and solemnity. These interjected quotations from the Psalms, being generally in the first person singular, furnish, to each individual, a kind of mental response, in the familiar and venerable language of Scripture, to those petitions which had just been

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uttered in the plural number, in name of the whole congregation.

The only deviation from the order generally practised in the Church of Scotland, which will be here remarked, is in beginning the service with calling upon the people to unite in the worship of God, instead of commencing with singing. This is done not only out of compliance with evident propriety, and with the practice of the Presbyterian Liturgies, but in obedience to the express Rule of the Directory for the Public Worship of God; a document which contains the present law of the Church on this subject, and indeed on the whole subject of public worship; and to which a recent General Assembly has "earnestly called the attention of all Presbyteries and ministers of this Church, trusting that its regulations will be duly observed." *

The numerous works of the same class with the present, which have within the last few years been published by ministers of Presbyterian and Independent Churches, are a pleasing sign that the prejudices which so long prevailed against composed prayers, are rapidly dying away, if they be not already extinct among all but the most ignorant; and that we are gradually returning to the wiser views and more edifying practices of the older Presbyterians in all countries; who, while averse

* Recommendation and Declaratory Act, General Assembly, 1856.

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to the rigid ritualism of Episcopal Churches, and reasonably desirous not to *exclude* extemporaneous or free prayer, both used habitually the Liturgies which their great divines had composed, and transmitted them, as not the least precious fruits of the Reformation, to their children and successors.

It cannot but appear wonderful, that when sermons are composed with so much care and pains, we should leave our prayers altogether to the impulse of the moment; as if it were more needful that our speeches to our fellow-men should be well ordered, than our addresses to God. In every point of view, extempore preaching is far more natural and becoming than extempore prayer; because any want of order, simplicity, propriety, solemnity, and the like, which is so difficult to be altogether avoided in unpremeditated speech, is far less offensive in a discourse to our fellow-mortals, than in those solemn appeals which we present in their name and our own to the Father of our spirits.

It may be necessary to add in explanation, that the following Prayers are constructed so as to make the devotional part of the service more prominent in the forenoon, and to allow greater room for preaching in the afternoon: it being the general practice of the author to give a short exposition or lecture upon each of the chapters read in the Forenoon Service, instead of delivering a Sermon.

He takes the liberty of recommending this practice, especially to his younger brethren—as one

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which will prove very beneficial to themselves, by requiring of them an attentive study of the sacred text, and which never fails, when executed with moderate knowledge and skill, to be highly acceptable and edifying to the people.

EDINBURGH, *November* 1857.

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First Sunday of the Month.

FORENOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite one or more of the following Sentences.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isa. lv.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him: For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.—Ps. xxxiii.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that are fallen asleep; for since by man is death, by man also is the resurrection of the dead.—1 Cor. xv.

(*Invitation:*) Having these promises, dearly beloved, let us draw near to the throne of grace, with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

O GOD, whom heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who dwellest with humble and contrite hearts, look in thy mercy upon us who are here assembled according to thine ordinance, to offer up our sacrifices of prayer and praise before thy divine majesty.

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Grant unto us thy Holy Spirit, we entreat thee, O Lord, to guide and sanctify us, that we may be acceptable in thy sight, and may obtain our petitions; for we come before thee not in our own name, but in the name of our great High-Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

At the end of this, and all the other prayers, the Congregation should answer Amen.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.—Ps. lxi.

(*Confession:*) WE humble ourselves before thee, O God, for we have transgressed thy holy laws in thought, word, and deed; and we are miserable sinners in thy sight. Thou hast revealed unto us the way of righteousness and peace, but we have refused to walk in it, and

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have gone astray from thee; and we have received in ourselves that recompense of our error which is meet.

We acknowledge our sin and misery before thee, O God, our Heavenly Father, who searchest our hearts, and knowest all our ways. Look down in thy tender mercy upon us, and forgive us all our iniquities: through Jesus Christ thy Son, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Amen.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.—Ps. cxxx.

(*Comfortable words:*) THE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.—Ps. ciii.

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In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.—1 John iv.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(*For Grace:*) We thank thee, O God, our Heavenly Father, for that message of grace and mercy which thou hast sent to us sinners in the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. Dispose and enable us, we pray thee, to receive the same in faith and love: and may we ever walk worthy of our high calling; not turning the grace of God into licentiousness; but bringing forth continually the fruits of holy obedience, to the praise of thy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here the Lesson from the Old Testament may be read; and a Psalm may be sung.

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Let us pray.

O LORD, who hast given thy Holy Word to be a light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our path, guide our steps, at all times, in the way of thy commandments. Suffer us not to go astray from thee, or to err from thy truth. Acknowledging our own weakness, and the deceitfulness of our hearts, we call upon thee, O God, for help and deliverance, who savest all them that put their trust in thee. Amen.

THE Lord reigneth; he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.—Ps. xciii.

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ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, look in thy compassion upon our manifold infirmities, and uphold us by thy power. Let us not faint or be weary in running the race that is set before us; but, animated by thy promises, may we be strong to do, and to endure thy holy will; looking unto Jesus Christ, our merciful and faithful High Priest, who himself suffered and was tempted, and is able to succour us when we are tempted. Amen.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever.—Ps. cxxxi.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who makest all things work together for good to them that love thee, we pray that thou wouldst so order the course of thy providence respecting us, and wouldst so enlighten and purify our souls, that

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all the events of this life may be made conducive to our eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Then may be read the Lesson from the New Testament, and a Psalm may be sung; after which may follow the Sermon: or, The Psalm with the Sermon and such prayers as may be appropriate, may come after the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast revealed to us the light of thy gospel, and called us into the fellowship of thy Son, Jesus Christ, grant that we may put away all the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and sincerity; that we may have fellowship with thee, for thou art light, and in thee there is no darkness at all; that when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold those things which the eye of man hath not seen, and be made partakers of everlasting glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we pray thee, O Lord, that we who have believed in the name of thy Son Jesus

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Christ, may die daily through his death, and also may be quickened through the power of his resurrection. Being crucified with Christ, may we live to thee, through faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us; that when he shall appear in glory, we also may be manifested as thy sons, and may inherit the kingdom which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who workest in thy children both to desire and to perform those things that please thee; may we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

(*For the World:*) ALMIGHTY GOD, the Creator of all things, who hast so loved the world as to give thy Son, that they who were far off might be brought near unto thee; send forth thy gospel into all lands; and hasten the time when all the kindreds of the nations shall turn unto the Lord, and Jew and Gentile shall be

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one flock, under one Shepherd—Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*For the Church:*) O God, merciful Father, look upon all thy family, which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased with His own blood. Deliver them from Ignorance and Sin, and from the power of Death; and grant them a portion in that kingdom, the hope of which thou hast inspired in the hearts of thy chosen: through Jesus Christ, who was dead and is alive again, and liveth for ever; and who sitteth at thy right hand, till all things are put under his feet, and Death, the last enemy, is destroyed. Amen.

(*For the Afflicted:*) Send forth thy Holy Spirit the Comforter, we entreat thee, O thou God of all grace and consolation, into the hearts of those who, under thy wise and holy providence, are called to endure any sickness, trouble, or adversity. Let thy fatherly chastisement, though for the present it be not joyous but grievous, work the peaceable fruit of righteousness in them that are exercised thereby.

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Enrich their souls with faith and hope, with patience and fortitude; and while they look at those things which are not seen, may their present affliction work for them a far more exceeding, even an eternal weight of glory. Amen.

(*For the Queen and all in authority :*) We beseech thee, O Lord, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice, to regard with thy favour, Victoria our Queen and governor. Enrich her with thy blessing; sanctify her by thy grace; defend her from all evil. May she reign in righteousness, peace, and prosperity, all the days of her life upon earth; and, finally, may she receive that crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Be very gracious, we entreat thee, O Lord, to the Prince Consort; to Albert Prince of Wales; and to all the members of the Royal Family.

We pray that thou wouldst grant a spirit of wisdom and judgment to the Ministers and Counsellors of the Crown; to the Nobles and Representatives of the people in Parliament;

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to Magistrates, Judges, and all that are invested with authority: that we, under them, may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour.

And make thy blessing to descend upon all ranks and conditions of men among us. Bless them in the work of their hands: prosper their honest industry: grant them the things that are needful for the body and the life that now is: and make them rich towards God, and heirs of thine everlasting kingdom.

We pray for our kindred, our friends, and all whom thou hast made the instruments of thy grace and bounty to us, that thou wouldst reward and bless them abundantly; and also for our enemies, slanderers, and persecutors; that thou wouldst grant them repentance, and wouldst enable us to forgive them from the heart. Amen.

O God, almighty and most gracious, whose blessing is upon them that fear thee, from generation to generation, we desire to commit ourselves to thee, in well doing, as a faithful

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Creator, who hast said, "I will never leave thee or forsake thee." Strengthen us, that we may seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, trusting in thy promise that all things needful shall be added unto us. And seeing we brought nothing into this world, and can carry nothing out, may we, having food and raiment, be therewith content. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

The Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment:

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.—Ps. ix.

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ACCEPT our prayers and praises, we beseech thee, O Lord; pardon all our iniquities; and do thou bestow upon us those things which shall be good for us, of thy great mercy; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who taught us, when we pray, thus to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then a Psalm may be sung.

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.—2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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First Sunday of the Month.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite one or more of these Sentences.

LOOK unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.—Isa. xlv.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

WASH you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well.

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Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isa. xl.

Or the following:

THE Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.—Ps. xcix.

(*Invitation:*) Brethren, dearly beloved in the Lord, let us, with humble and contrite hearts, draw near to the throne of grace, in the name of our great High-Priest and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

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INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who hast commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, be pleased to bless and sanctify our present meeting; that, by thy Word and Spirit, our minds may be enlightened, our hearts cleansed, and our wills directed to keep thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the

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Lord will give grace and glory: no good will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.—Ps. lxxxiv.

O God, thou Father of lights, and fountain of all wisdom and knowledge,—we thank thee that thou hast sent thy Son Jesus Christ into the world to enlighten our darkness, and to guide us in the ways of truth and righteousness. May we hear his voice; may we know and embrace the doctrine which he hath taught us; may we render a willing obedience to his precepts; may we follow his example; and, finally, may we receive those exceeding great and precious promises which he hath given us. Grant this, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, who is our Prophet, our Priest, and our King. Amen.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me.

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Thy testimonies are my delight and my counsellors. Amen.—Ps. cxix. 17-20.

Then the Scriptures may be read, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

MY soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me, according to thy word.

Teach me the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken me in thy way.—Ps. cxix. 25.

O GOD, whose Word is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, grant unto us who are here before thee, and to all thy people everywhere, that we may receive thy truth into our hearts, in faith and love. By it may we be taught and guided, upheld and comforted; that we be no longer children in understanding, but grow to the stature of per-

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fect men in Christ Jesus, and be prepared for every good word and work: to the honour of thy name, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard.

Their instruction is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them is great reward.

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Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.—Ps. xix.

LET thy good Spirit of grace and wisdom dwell in our hearts, and guide us in all our words and works, we humbly entreat thee, O Lord: that our speaking and hearing at this time may be unto our edification and profit, and to the glory of thy great name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may follow the Sermon, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

O GOD, everlasting and almighty, whose grace hath appeared to all men, bringing salvation; teach us to deny ungodliness

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and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Amen.

DWELL in our hearts, we pray thee, O Lord God, and make us temples of thy Holy Spirit: that, whereas, in ourselves, we are corrupt and mortal, we may, through thee, be strengthened and sanctified; and, finally, having obtained the victory over Death, may reign in immortal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BE pleased, almighty and most merciful Father, to increase our faith, hope, and charity; our patience, fortitude, and meekness; our zeal and diligence in thy service. May we, through thy grace, mortify all sinful affections; resist and subdue all evil habits; and may we abound more and more in all good works; to thy honour and glory. Amen.

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INTERCESSION.

(*For the Church:*) O God, whose Spirit quickens, sanctifies, and governs the Church, which is the body of thy Son, we pray that all who profess His religion, may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, by walking as Christ also walked; that they and we may at length obtain the crown of righteousness, which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Amen.

(*For the Ministers of the Gospel:*) ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; grant a spirit of wisdom and power to thy servants who are appointed to labour in the ministry of the Word; that, by their doctrine and example, thy saints may be edified and built up in their holy faith, and sinners may be converted unto thee. And everywhere let thy Word have free course and be glorified; through him who is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(*For the Afflicted:*) O LORD, Father of mer-

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cies, look down in compassion upon the sick and afflicted; upon the poor, the miserable, and the dying; and upon all that are in any trouble or distress.

Send them comfort and deliverance, O God. And do thou, who makest all things work together for good to them that love thee, sanctify their pains and sorrows to the health and salvation of their souls, in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(*For the World:*) WE beseech thee, O God, to bless all men: Bring them to the knowledge and obedience of the truth.

Break thou the arm of the oppressor everywhere; and scatter the people that delight in war.

And in all the earth let thy kingdom come, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD, who hast given the day to man for labour, and the night for rest, protect us by thy watchful providence during the

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coming night, and all the nights and days of our pilgrimage. Cover all our sins with thy mercy, as thou coverest the earth with darkness during the night-watches. And when our days are ended, and our work is finished in this world, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of thy favour, and in the certain hope of the resurrection to immortal life, which thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the

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presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Ps. xxiii.

MERCIFULLY hear these our prayers and praises, we entreat thee, O Lord, our Heavenly Father, through thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is our intercessor with thee, and the propitiation for our sins; and who hath taught us thus to pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

After the singing of a Psalm,

THE BENEDICTION.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shep-

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herd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.—Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

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Second Sunday of the Month.

FORENOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite the 97th Psalm, "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice," &c., or one or more of the following Sentences.

DRAW nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.—James iv.

CAST away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.—Ezek. xviii.

(*Invitation:*) Dearly beloved Brethren, we are here assembled in obedience to the command, that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, and in hope of that pro-

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mise which our Lord Jesus Christ hath given to his disciples, that wherever two or three shall meet together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. Let us, therefore, draw nigh to the throne of grace, with reverence and godly fear, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the maker of all things, visible and invisible, our Creator and Preserver, who hast sent thy Son into the world to bring us near, who, by our sins, were far off; and to redeem us, and make us sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant unto us thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications before thy Divine Majesty; to confess our sins and iniquities, and to render thanks unto thy name for thy great goodness and mercy.

May we put away all heedlessness and levity, all vain thoughts and distracting cares; and may we draw near to thy presence with earnest,

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humble, and faithful hearts, in the Spirit of holiness and truth.

And let our worship and service, being offered in the name and Spirit of thy Son, be acceptable to thee, and profitable to us; through him who is our Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the end of this, and all the other prayers, the Congregation should answer Amen.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercies; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.—Ps. v.

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(*Confession :*) WE confess before thee, O God, our Heavenly Father, that we are miserable sinners; for we have transgressed thy holy laws times innumerable, in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved thee with all our hearts; neither have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.

We have not glorified thee with our bodies and our spirits; but we have lived in ungodliness, in pride, and vanity; in envy and uncharitableness; in covetousness and discontent.

We have loved the world, and the things that are of the world, and have not set our affection on things above, or laid up treasure in heaven, where Christ, our risen Lord, sitteth at thy right hand.

IF our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to

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thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out all my transgressions.

Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin: for I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—Ps. li.

(*Comfortable words:*) God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into

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the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.—John iii. 16.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.—Ps. ciii.

(*For Grace:*) ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast, in thy Gospel, proclaimed remission of sins to all them that believe in the name of thy Son, and repent of their transgressions against thee; confirm us, we beseech thee, O Lord, in the faith and hope of this thy promise. And, for this end, so work in us, by thy Holy Spirit, that we may embrace and hold fast thy truth, in a pure conscience, unto the end; and also may bring forth fruits meet for repentance: that being justified freely by thy grace, and walking continually in the way of thy commandments, we may glorify thy holy name; and may know that we are thy children, and heirs of that kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Amen.

Here the Lesson from the Old Testament may be read; and a Psalm may be sung.

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Let us pray.

O GOD, who desirest not sacrifice, and hast no delight in burnt-offerings, but hast showed us what is good, and requirest of us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee, grant unto us, we pray thee, true repentance and godly sorrow for our sins; and so direct and govern our hearts and lives, that we may render a constant and unfeigned obedience to thy holy laws; that, offering to thee the sacrifices of righteousness, we may be accepted, through Jesus Christ, who is our High Priest and sacrifice, and the altar which sanctifieth our gift. Amen.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; and thou shalt

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make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.—Ps. xxxvi.

O God, thou King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the blessed and only potentate, may we, who cannot see thee with the eye of flesh, behold thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we faint not under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but may endure as seeing thee who art invisible: that after we have done and suffered thy will upon the earth, we may enjoy the vision of God in heaven, and may be made partakers of those unspeakable joys, which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Amen.

I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

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O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.—Ps. xxx.

Then may be read the Lesson from the New Testament, and a Psalm may be sung; after which may follow the Sermon: or, The Psalm with the Sermon and such prayers as may be appropriate, may come after the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray.

LET thy truth, O God, be received into our hearts in faith and love; and by it may we be made wise unto salvation, through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

Most gracious God, who didst send thy Son into the world to die for our sins, and to rise

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again for our justification; grant that we, who have been baptized into his death, may put away all the corruptions and pollutions of the old man; all evil thoughts, unholy desires, and malignant passions; and may we rise with Christ to newness of life; abounding in godliness, justice, charity, and meekness; in purity and temperance; in fortitude, patience, and resignation; that we may be indeed followers of Christ in all the steps of his blessed and holy life; and may walk worthy of our high vocation; through Him who is our Redeemer and Lord, and who suffered for us in the flesh, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps. Amen.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ, hath ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and receiving gifts for men, leave not us, thy family, comfortless, but send forth thy Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever; that we, being taught and quickened, purified and strengthened by thy heavenly grace, may faithfully and joyfully serve thee all our days, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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INTERCESSION.

(*For all men:*) BLESSED LORD, whose will it is that all men should be saved, and who hast commanded us to make intercessions and prayers for all men, we offer up before thee our supplications for the whole human race, that they may be brought to the knowledge and obedience of the truth:

For all thy people upon earth, that they may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life; and may so run the race which is set before them, that finally they may obtain the prize:

For all sick and afflicted persons, that thou wouldst be pleased to uphold, comfort, and deliver them:

For our kindred, friends, and benefactors; that thou wouldst enrich them with thy favour, and grant unto them a portion in thy heavenly kingdom:

And for our enemies; that thou wouldst forgive them, and enable us to forgive them from the heart; that, rendering good for evil,

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we may be indeed thy children, and perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect. Amen.

(*For all in Authority :*) O God, thou King of glory, who rulest all the nations of the world, and to whom pertain all might, majesty, and dominion in heaven and earth; we beseech thee to regard with thy favour our Sovereign, Queen Victoria. Endow her with thy Holy Spirit. May she reign in wisdom and righteousness, in peace and prosperity, all the days of her life; and may she afterwards be made partaker of that crown of righteousness, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Make thy blessing to rest, O Lord, upon the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal family.

Grant a spirit of wisdom, and of the fear of the Lord, to the Queen's Ministers; to the Members of both Houses of Parliament; and to all Judges, Magistrates, and persons in authority; that we, and all under them, may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in godliness and honesty; showing forth thy praises, who hast

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called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light. Amen.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us:

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

The earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.—Ps. lxvii.

A Thanksgiving.

O God, by whose gracious providence we enjoy the good things of this present life, and also all things pertaining to godliness and the life eternal, we, thy unworthy servants, unite

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with one heart in rendering thanks and praise unto thy great name.

Enable us, we entreat thee, O Lord, to manifest our gratitude by a willing and constant obedience to thy righteous commands; and by walking, at all times, after the example of him, whom thou didst send into the world to take away its sin, and to make us sons of God, and heirs of immortal life; and who hath taught us, in the spirit of adoption, thus to pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then a Psalm may be sung.

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Second Sunday of the Month.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite the 98th Psalm, "O sing unto the Lord," &c., or one or more of these Sentences.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.—Matt. vii.

THE eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.—Ps. xxxiv.

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(*Invitation :*) Brethren, dearly beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to the throne of grace, with reverence and godly fear, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised that in all places where thou dost record thy name, thou wilt meet with thy servants to bless them; fulfil to us at this time thy promise, we beseech thee, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer. Solemnize and purify our minds; raise our hearts to thee; endow us with wisdom and understanding: may we know, believe, and obey thy truth; and let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.

JUDGE me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

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For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

I have not sat with vain persons; neither will I go in with dissemblers.

I have hated the congregation of evil-doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord.

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.—Ps. xxvi.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who hast made thy Christ to be wisdom and righteousness,

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sanctification and redemption to them that follow him and obey his voice; give us thy good and Holy Spirit, we beseech thee; that we may be wise unto salvation; may be just, upright, sincere,—doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; may be purified from all base, unholy, and malignant passions; may be liberated and made free from guilt and fear—from bondage to the world, the flesh, and the devil; and, finally, may obtain the adoption, even the redemption of our bodies; through him who is the author and finisher of the faith, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Scriptures may be read, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst speak in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hast, in these last days, spoken unto us by thy Son; give us, we pray thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may lend a willing ear to the doctrine which he hath taught us; and may embrace the same and hold it fast, to thy glory and praise.

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Deliver us, O Lord, from the instruction that causeth to err. Let not us receive for doctrines the commandments of men; seeing one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren. May we know the truth, and be made free from sin—its pollutions, its bondage, its fears.

And for this end, give us, O Lord, the love of the truth. Purify our minds from heedlessness and vanity; from hypocrisy and hardness of heart; from covetousness, and love of the world; and endow us with seriousness and earnestness of spirit, that we may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life. Amen.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.—Ps. xxxiii. 20-22.

Then may follow the Sermon, and a Psalm may be sung.

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Let us pray.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, suffer not that good seed of thy Word, which the Son of man hath sown, to be caught away by the wicked one out of our hearts; or to be scorched by tribulation and persecution; or to be choked with cares and pleasures of this life; but being received into good and honest hearts, may it bring forth in us abundantly the fruits of faith and obedience; to the honour of thy name, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSED LORD, who hast sent forth thy Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins, and also, by his heavenly doctrine and holy life, to lead us in the paths of truth and righteousness; grant us thy Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, to guide our lives, and to sanctify us wholly in spirit, soul, and body; that, having glorified thee upon the earth, and finished the work thou hast given us to do, we may finally obtain the victory over all our enemies, and reign in immortal life: through him, who is

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thy Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

(*For the World :*) O ETERNAL GOD, who knowest the end from the beginning, and callest those things which are not as though they were, and who hast given to thy Son the heathen for his inheritance; hasten, we entreat thee, O Lord, the coming and kingdom of thy Christ. Our eyes fail waiting for thy salvation.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord; let all the kindreds of the nations worship before thee. And do thou, who holdest the hearts of all men in thy hand, open a great door, and effectual, for the preaching of thy servants everywhere; that their sound may go into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. Amen.

(*For the Church :*) O GOD, thou Father of lights, and Fountain of all goodness, who didst send forth thy Son to be the light of the world, that whoso followeth him should not walk in darkness; be pleased so to instruct and illu-

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minate all pastors and teachers, that they may both fully know and faithfully preach thy holy gospel; that the whole body of the Church may grow in faith and charity and patience, and may abound in every good word and work. Amen.

(*For the Afflicted:*) GRACIOUS GOD, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, who art the Husband of the widow, and the Father of the fatherless, and who dost not afflict willingly, or grieve the children of men; we, who are ourselves in the body, lift up our hearts unto thee, on behalf of all our brethren who are in any affliction or distress. Look down from the height of thy sanctuary upon the poor and destitute; upon the bereaved, the sorrowful, the sick, and the dying; upon those who endure pain and anguish; upon such as are unjustly held in bondage; and upon all that are desolate, wronged, and oppressed. Send unto them speedy help and deliverance, we entreat thee, O thou Judge of the earth: and so enrich the souls of thy afflicted servants with patience and hope, that their present

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troubles may conduce to their eternal salvation: and may they and we receive, in due time, the end of our faith: through Jesus Christ, our merciful and faithful High Priest, who suffered and was tempted, and is able to succour us when we are tempted. Amen.

(*For the Grace of Perseverance:*) O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we, thy unworthy and sinful children, would call upon thee, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose power is infinite, confessing that we are ignorant, weak, and perverse. We entreat thee, leave us not, neither forsake us. Guide us with thy counsel; uphold us with thy strength. Suffer us not to go astray from thee, or to be weary in well-doing. May we live in thy fear all the days of our life: may we die in thy favour; and let our portion be with thy saints, at the second and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(*For Protection during the Night:*) O GOD, with whom there is no darkness, but the night shineth as the day, keep and defend us, and all

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thy saints, in soul and body, during the coming night. May we rest in the consciousness of thy favour; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of thy providence; in the love of thy Spirit.

May we rise up again to diligence in our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ.

A Psalm of Praise.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Ps. cxxi.

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These our offerings of praise and prayer we present before thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer: who taught us, when we pray, thus to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

After the singing of a Psalm,

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Third Sunday of the Month.

FORENOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite the 100*th Psalm,* "*Make a joyful noise,*" *&c., or one or more of these Sentences.*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him; sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name; and let the hearts of them rejoice that seek the Lord.—Ps. cv.

THERE is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich in mercy to all them that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom. x.

(*Invitation:*) Dearly beloved brethren, seeing that we have a great High-Priest, that is passed

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into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.—Heb. iv.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

O GOD, who art greatly to be feared in the assembly of thy saints, accept, we entreat thee, our sacrifices of praise and prayer: and though we are not worthy to approach thy presence, or to ask anything of thee, do thou receive us graciously, and answer us, through our great High-Priest and Advocate Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the end of this, and all the other prayers, the Congregation should answer Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we render thanks unto thy great name, that we have been preserved to see another of the days of the Son of man upon earth. For the sun and the shining light; for the succession of night and day, and summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest, and the

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ordinances of heaven; for thy fatherly care and goodness to us, the children of men; for thy watchful providence and unspeakable mercy, we glorify thy name, O God.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and blessing; for thou hast created all things, and thou dost sustain them all by the word of thy power: and when sin had disturbed the order and repose of thy works, and caused the whole creation to groan and travail in pain, thou didst send thy Son to redeem it from the bondage of corruption and the load of vanity, and to make peace by the blood of his cross; whereby he hath reconciled all things in heaven and earth.

O God, maker and governor of the world, who on the seventh day didst rest from all thy works, and hast promised a heavenly and everlasting rest to all thy faithful servants; teach us to rest from our works, as thou didst from thine; that we who are weary with our vanities, and heavy-laden with our sins and sorrows, may take up the yoke and burden of Jesus Christ, and so find rest unto our souls; for his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Amen.

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(*Confession:*) WE confess that we are miserable sinners before thee, O God: for we have transgressed thy holy laws, and done despite to thy good Spirit, and walked in counsels of our own.

O Lord, we acknowledge that we have not loved thee with all our heart, or believed thy faithful word, or hoped for thy promises; but we have been disobedient and rebellious.

Neither have we loved our neighbour as ourselves: but we have lived in selfishness and pride, in envy and uncharitableness; and we have judged and condemned our brethren, forgetting that thou, Lord, judgest both us and them.

We have debased our souls with vain and earthly passions, setting our affection on things below, loving the world and laying up treasure upon earth; so that the love of the Father hath not been in us.

Neither have we been sober and watchful: but our hearts have been overcharged with cares and pleasures of this life: and we have been conformed to the world; and have not waited for the second coming of Christ our Lord.

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Our own hearts condemn us, and thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things.

SAVE me, O God, for the waters are come into my soul. I sink in deep mire where there is no standing. I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

O God, thou knowest all my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. But as for me, my prayer is unto thee in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O God, for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me on high.—Ps. lxix.

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(*Comfortable words :*) THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, even the chief.—1 Tim. i. 15.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John i. 29.

(*For Grace :*) ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render thanks and praise unto thee, for sending thy Son into the world, that he might redeem us from our sins and miseries, and make us heirs, according to the hope of everlasting life.

Being justified by faith, may we have peace with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ: and grant us thy grace, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may depart from all iniquity, and may be a peculiar people, zealous of good works, showing forth thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light. Amen.

Here the Lesson from the Old Testament may be read ; and a Psalm may be sung.

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Let us pray.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: our transgressions, thou wilt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off upon the sea.

Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains, being girded with power.

Who stilleth the noise of the sea, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

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Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.—Ps. lxv.

O God, who in the beginning didst cause the light to shine out of darkness, and hast made thy sun to rise again upon the world, scattering all the shades of night; shine in our hearts, we pray thee, and deliver us from ignorance and error, from doubt and fear; and so cleanse us by thy Holy Spirit, that we, renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty, and all the unfruitful works of darkness, may walk before thee in sincerity, purity, and righteousness; that we may have fellowship with thee, and

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may be followers of him whom thou didst send to be the light of the world—Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who didst feed thy people of old with manna in the wilderness, teaching us that man liveth not by bread alone; we thank thee for the supply of our daily wants, for the bounties of thy good providence, for life, and breath, and all things:

Especially for Jesus Christ, thine unspeakable gift, who is the bread of God, coming down from heaven, and giving life unto the world. May we eat of this bread, and live for ever.

Guide and strengthen us, O God, with thy truth; refresh our fainting souls with thy promises; animate our hearts, and purify them with thy love; that we may walk with constancy in the way of thy precepts; and, having finished our earthly pilgrimage in faith and patience, we may at length be delivered from the toils and dangers of the wilderness, and enjoy for ever thy heavenly rest: through him

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who is the author and finisher of the faith—Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, omnipotent and everlasting, who art the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe, and whose eternal providence is over all thy works, so that a sparrow falleth not on the ground without thee, and even the hairs of our head are numbered; we beseech thee to help and deliver us, thy servants, in all time of our trouble and adversity, and also in all time of our prosperity and wealth; that we be not overwhelmed with despondency and fear, or lifted up with presumption and pride; but enjoying thy bounties with humility and thankfulness, and bearing thy chastening with faith and hope, we may endure unto the end; and having finished the work thou hast given us to do, we may, through thy mercy, enter into the joy of our Lord. Amen.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

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Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy sacrifice.

Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.—Ps. xx.

Then may be read the Lesson from the New Testament, and a Psalm may be sung; after which may follow the Sermon: or, The Psalm with the Sermon and such prayers as may be appropriate, may come after the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL GOD, who didst speak unto thine ancient Israel, out of the midst of thick darkness, with thunderings and lightnings and terrible majesty; we bless thee that thy grace and truth are now revealed unto us by Jesus Christ thy Son; whom thou hast sent forth, in the fulness of time, to redeem us; that we might no more be servants, in bondage

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under the elements of the world; but might be sons and heirs of God, through him.

Send forth into our hearts, we entreat thee, O Lord, the spirit of thy Son, crying Abba Father. Inspire us with perfect love, which casteth out fear: that we may draw nigh to thy throne of grace, at all times, with true hearts in full assurance of faith; and having served thee in peace and joy all the days of our life upon earth, we may, at length, be made partakers of thy heavenly inheritance; through our great High-Priest and Elder Brother, who is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. Amen.

GRANT unto us grace, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that as thou hast taught us thy will, so we may, at all times, choose and obey thy holy laws; making our light shine before men, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

(*For the World:*) ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations, and whose will

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it is that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; send forth the light of thy gospel into all lands, and pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; that thy name may be hallowed everywhere, and thy kingdom may come, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Take from the heart of the Jew that veil which hinders him from seeing the end of that which was commanded to his fathers: and let all the kindreds of the nations turn unto the Lord; through him who hath broken down the partition between Jew and Gentile, and hath reconciled both unto thee. Amen.

(*For the Church Catholic:*) O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look down, in thy favour and compassion, upon the whole body of thy faithful servants, whom thou hast called into the fellowship of thy Son.

Grant unto them a spirit of knowledge and understanding in thy truth; endow them plenteously with faith, hope, and charity, and with all heavenly gifts; and may they abound in

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good works, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Being perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment, may they live together in unity, peace, and love; bearing each other's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

Build up thy holy temple in the earth, O God, and fill it with thy glory. Adorn and beautify thy Church with the graces of thy Spirit; that every member of the same may be unto honour and glory and praise, at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Grant this, O Father, for his sake, who is exalted Head over all things, and who is the Saviour of his body, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RELIEVE the sick and the destitute; comfort the sorrowful; draw nigh, in thy mercy and grace, to the dying; and let all the miserable find consolation and redemption in thee, O God. Amen.

(*For the Nation and for all in authority:*) Defend and prosper our native land. May it be

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governed with wisdom and justice. Grant success to all its righteous enterprises. Let all the people be obedient to thy holy laws: living godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of thy name.

God save the Queen. Be gracious to the Prince Consort, to Albert Prince of Wales, and to all the members of the Royal Family. Counsel and guide the Queen's Ministers, and the High Court of Parliament. Give grace to all Magistrates, Judges, and Rulers; and to all ranks and conditions of men: that we may, each one of us, fulfil our appointed tasks as under the eye of the Great Master; and may, in due time, enter into the joy of our Lord. Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we, thy unworthy creatures, unite in giving thanks and praise unto thy name for thy great goodness and mercy to us and to all men. Thou loadest us with benefits: all that we have is thine: we ourselves are thine. We acknow-

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ledge thee, O Lord, as the bountiful Giver of all the good things of this present life, but especially of that blessed hope of an everlasting inheritance, which thou hast given us in Christ Jesus our Lord. From this time henceforth may we consecrate ourselves to thy service, in all things; living as those who are not their own, being bought with a price. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship towards thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou didst answer me, and didst strengthen me with strength in my soul.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou

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wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.—Ps. cxxxviii.

ACCEPT our prayers and praises, we humbly entreat thee, O Lord, and send us an answer in peace: through thy well-beloved Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Eternal Spirit, in the unity of the Godhead, world without end: and in whose name and words we say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then a Psalm may be sung.

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THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Third Sunday of the Month.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite the 87th Psalm, "His foundation is in the holy mountains," &c., or one or more of these Sentences.

HUMBLE yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will raise you up.—James iv. 10.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.—Ps. cxix. 1.

(*Invitation:*) Dearly beloved brethren, let us unite with reverence and godly fear, in calling upon the name of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we bless thy holy name, that we are permitted to approach thy presence in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our great High-Priest and Mediator; assured that thou art the hearer of prayer, and that thou wilt bestow upon us all things needful, whether for the body or the soul, for the life that now is, and that which is to come.

Blot out all our sins, we beseech thee, O Lord. Cleanse us from all our iniquities. Give us a heart to fear and love thee. So teach us that we may know thy will; so strengthen us that we may perform it constantly, and may grow in grace, in wisdom, and in all goodness: To the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.—Ps. xxxii.

O God, almighty and everlasting, who didst proclaim thy law from Mount Sinai, in terrible majesty, we bless thee that the thunder, and the earthquake, and the fire, are now past, and that we are permitted to hear thy still small voice, speaking to us in the gospel of thy grace.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the spirit of bondage and fear; and shed thy love abroad in our hearts by thy Holy Spirit; that we may serve thee with joy and peace, hoping for thy glorious

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promises, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honour of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All the earth shall worship thee, they shall sing unto thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is marvellous in his doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled of my tongue.

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If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear:

Verily God hath heard; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.—Ps. lxvi.

Then the Scriptures may be read, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dwellest from eternity, in light that is inaccessible and full of glory, we thank thee that, by the manifestation of thy Son Jesus Christ in the flesh, thou hast revealed thyself unto us; so dispelling our ignorance, and showing us the way that leadeth to eternal life.

Incline our hearts, we beseech thee, to hear his voice, who speaketh to us from heaven; to obey and follow him who is the light of the world; that, being translated out of the kingdom of darkness, and redeemed from all the power of sin and death, we may, at length, re-

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ceive thy promises, and be made partakers of glory, honour, and immortality: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven:

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight, I should have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast quickened me.—Ps. cxix.

O God, whose inspiration giveth to man understanding, and who didst bestow upon thy servants of old, gifts of wisdom and knowledge and utterance; be pleased so to guide and direct the hearts and lips of us, thy servants, who are here assembled before thee, that our speaking and hearing may be unto edification and profit; to the increase of our knowledge and faith and obedience; to our comfort and

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growth in grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may follow the Sermon, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

LET thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance: that we may be guided into all the truth, and also may be strengthened unto all obedience, and enduring of thy will with joyfulness: that, abounding in the work of faith, and the labour of love, and the patience of hope, we may finally be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

WE praise and bless thy holy name, Father of mercies, and God of all grace, that thou hast had compassion upon us, miserable sinners:

That thou didst send thy Son to seek and save us:

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That he took on him the form of a servant, and the likeness of sinful flesh, and fulfilled thy law, and was obedient to all thy will even unto death:

That he made propitiation for our sins; and when he had overcome the sharpness of death, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers:

That he sitteth at thy right hand in glory everlasting:

That he will come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead; and will reign till all enemies are put under his feet:

That he is our Advocate with thee; the Captain of our salvation; the author and finisher of the faith:

That he is our light and life and hope:

That he is not untouched with the feeling of our infirmities; having been, in all points, tempted as we are:

That he ever liveth to make intercession; and saveth to the uttermost them that come unto thee by him:

That thou hast sent unto us the gospel of thy grace; and hast permitted us to enjoy

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another of the days of the Son of man upon the earth; to unite with thy Church militant in calling upon thy name, and learning the way of eternal life. Amen.

MAY we receive of thee, almighty and most merciful Father, to the glory of thy grace and the relief of our necessity, those things which we have faithfully asked in the name of thy Son our Lord: Yea, do thou bestow upon us such things as thou knowest to be good for us, whether we ask them or not; for giving doth not impoverish thee, neither doth withholding enrich thee, and we know not what things we should pray for as we ought.

Let all our iniquities be blotted out: and do thou give us humble and pure, teachable and obedient hearts: that whatever we have learned of thy truth and our duty, that we may hold fast and diligently perform all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

(*For Redemption:*) GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that through faith in thy Son

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Jesus Christ, who, at his first coming, died in the flesh to take away the sin of the world, our souls may be delivered from their pollution and guilt; that when he shall appear the second time in glory, our corruptible bodies may put on incorruption, and our mortal flesh be clothed with immortality; that as we have borne the image of the earthly, we may also bear the image of the heavenly; and be made partakers of that eternal kingdom which flesh and blood shall not inherit. And this we ask in his name, who was dead, and liveth for evermore, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(*For Help and Deliverance:*) We beseech thee, O Lord, who knowest that we have no power of ourselves to help or deliver us, in those dangers and temptations which beset us in this our pilgrimage, that thou wouldst be our defence and deliverer, and a high tower to save us. Let our faith and hope be in thee: and do thou, who workest effectually in them that believe, make us perfect in every good word and work. Amen.

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INTERCESSION.

(*For the World and for the Church :*) O God, the Creator and Preserver of all men, we pray thee to send forth into all lands the light of thy truth; and grant that all men may receive it in faith and love; that their spirits may be saved in the day of the Lord.

More especially we pray for the whole estate of Christ's Church upon earth; that all who make profession of his religion, may be fully instructed in that doctrine which is according to godliness; and, being delivered from superstition and impiety, from heresies and schisms, from love of the world, from slavery to the flesh and the devil, may they be united in the bonds of peace and love, and, by all righteous and holy living, make their calling and election sure: to thy glory and praise, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We commit ourselves, and all our friends, kindred, and benefactors, and all who have desired to be remembered in our prayers, to thy mercy and grace, and to the keeping of thy good providence, O Lord our God.

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Grant unto them and us, that which is needful for the present life, and with it bestow thy blessing. Enrich us with patience and resignation, with cheerfulness and fortitude; and teach us, in whatever state we are, therewith to be content.

Cleanse our souls with the presence of thy good and Holy Spirit: beautify them with the ornaments of thy grace: sanctify us wholly, in spirit, soul, and body: and preserve us blameless to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

THOU shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

My flesh and heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. —Ps. lxxiii.

MERCIFULLY receive our prayers, through thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who hath

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taught us in the spirit of adoption thus to pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

After the singing of a Psalm,

THE BENEDICTION.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus: and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Fourth Sunday of the Month.

FORENOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite the 1st Psalm, "Blessed is the man that walketh," &c., or one or more of the following Sentences.

OPEN to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.—Ps. cxviii.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.—Ps. xcvi.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all that are about him.—Ps. lxxxix.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints, but let them not return again to folly.—Ps. lxxxiv.

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Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

O GOD, almighty and everlasting, we would draw near unto thee with reverence and godly fear, in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Mediator, who promised that wherever two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them:

Let our sacrifices of praise and prayer be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, through him who is the Great High Priest of our profession, and who hath consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest; that coming boldly unto the throne of grace, we might obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

At the end of this, and all the other prayers, the Congregation should answer Amen.

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John i.

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(*Confession :*) WE have grievously offended thee, O Lord, our Heavenly Father, by our manifold sins and iniquities, transgressing thy righteous laws, and resisting thy Holy Spirit. We acknowledge our guilt and misery in thy presence; entreating thee to pardon all our offences, and to create in us a clean and contrite heart; that henceforth, being redeemed from all iniquity, we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

My spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit fail-

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eth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me unto the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.—Ps. cxliii.

(*Comfortable words:*) If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins.—1 John ii.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. —Ps. ciii.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.—Mic. vii.

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(*For Grace:*) WE rejoice in thy promises, O God; we hope in thy word. Being justified freely by thy grace, may we be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. And having this hope in us, may we purify ourselves from all filthiness, both of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in thy fear; that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

FROM the night early awaketh our soul unto thee, O God; for the light of thy commandments is upon the earth.

Knowing that it is high time to awake out of sleep, for the day of thy judgment slumbereth not, let us cast off the works of darkness, and put on us the armour of light, and walk as becometh those who have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, and all the unfruitful works of darkness.

Lead us in thy truth, O God: Teach us to do thy will: Guide our steps in the ways of righteousness and peace. Defend us from all snares and dangers, and deliver us from the

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powers of darkness; that we may walk before God in the light of the living.

O Lord, enlighten our eyes, lest we sleep the sleep of death. Amen.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.—Ps. lxiii.

Here the Lesson from the Old Testament may be read; and a Psalm may be sung.

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Let us pray.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Great peace have they that love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word. —Ps. cxix.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who hast revealed thine eternal power and godhead in the creation of the world, and dost continually display thy glory in upholding and governing the same, we thank thee for that more perfect revelation of thy character and will, which thou hast given us in thy word.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we, upon whom thou hast made the beams of thy grace and truth to shine, may walk worthy of our high vocation, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, living soberly, righteously,

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and godly in this present world; not being weary in well-doing, or fainting when we are chastened of thee; that when Christ who is our life shall appear, we may be found worthy to stand before the Son of Man, and be made partakers of glory, honour, and immortality. Amen.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord, my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: there-

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fore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.—Ps. xxviii.

GRANT, O Lord, that we, whom thou hast made rational creatures, may, through thy grace, be delivered from dead works, and serve thee, the living God, in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life upon earth; that in due time we may be partakers of the everlasting glory which thou hast promised to them that love thee: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Then may be read the Lesson from the New Testament, and a Psalm may be sung; after which may follow the Sermon: or, The Psalm with the Sermon and such prayers as may be appropriate, may come after the Lord's Prayer.

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Let us pray.

O ETERNAL GOD, our Heavenly Father, who didst in the beginning create man in thine own image, and who, when we were dead in sins, didst send forth thy Son into the world, that we might live through him; we magnify thy great name, that, by faith of thy Christ, we are born again to a lively hope, and are made heirs of thine incorruptible inheritance.

Do thou, who art the inexhaustible fountain of light and life, and who, as on this day, didst bring again from the dead the Lord Jesus; grant that we, who have been baptized into his death, may be quickened and raised up through the mighty power of thy Spirit; that being made free from sin, we may serve thee, the living God, continually in newness of life, presenting our bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service: through the same Jesus Christ, who, in the power of the Eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot unto thee, and is our great High Priest and Advocate in the Heavenly Temple. Amen.

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O thou great Master and Lord, whose are all things in heaven and earth, and who givest to every one as it seemeth good to thine infinite wisdom; grant us grace, we entreat thee, that we may diligently and faithfully employ the talents, whatever they are, which thou hast committed to us for a season; that when the Lord shall return and reckon with his servants, we may render our account with joy and not with grief.

Vouchsafe unto those who are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, or trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy; that they be rich in good works, laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life:

And unto thy servants that are poor in this world, that they be poor in spirit, but rich in faith, and heirs of that kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

(*For all Men:*) O God our Saviour, who willest that all men be saved, and come to the

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knowledge of the truth, and hast given commandment that supplications and thanksgivings be made for all men; for there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time;—we lift up our hearts unto thee, in the name of this thy Son Jesus Christ, entreating thee to look in thy tender mercy upon all the kindreds of the nations; to deliver them from ignorance, superstition, idolatry, and wickedness, from cruelty and oppression, from want and misery. Cause the light of thy truth to shine in all the dark places of the earth, and hasten thy kingdom; that the glory of the Lord may be revealed, and all flesh may see it together. Amen.

(*For all in Authority:*) We pray for kings, and for all that are in authority, that they may govern the people committed to them in wisdom and justice, and in thy fear, who art the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. Especially for thy servant, our Sovereign Queen Victoria, that she may be guided and upheld by thy

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Holy Spirit, and may at all times enjoy thy favour and blessing; that her reign may be long and prosperous, and that she may inherit thy heavenly kingdom:

For thy servant, the Prince Consort; for Albert Prince of Wales; and for all the members of the Royal family:

For the Queen's Ministers and Counsellors, and for the High Court of Parliament:

For all Magistrates, Judges, and Rulers; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in godliness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour. Amen.

(*For the Afflicted:*) LOOK down, O merciful Father, upon all thy creatures who are in sorrow, pain, sickness, or any other adversity. Sanctify and strengthen the living for thy service upon earth: sanctify and strengthen the dying; that being washed from the stains of sin, and eased of the load of guilt and fear, they may be made ready for the unspeakable joys of thy presence in heaven. Let their cry enter into thine ears, O God of Sabaoth: Lord, receive their prayer, and hear our prayers for

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them. Send into their hearts thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter, that they may rejoice in tribulation, and be made perfect in that love which casteth out fear: through Christ our Lord, who suffered and was tempted, and is able to succour us when we are tempted; who died, and hath taken away the victory of death and the sting of the king of terrors, and is gone before to prepare mansions for us in heaven, that where he is, there we may be also. Amen.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy sacrifice.

Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.—Ps. xx.

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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then a Psalm may be sung.

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Fourth Sunday of the Month.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The Congregation being assembled, the Minister may recite one or more of these Sentences.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.—Ps. cxxiv.

THUS saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy: I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and the heart of the contrite.—Isa. lvii.

BLESSED are the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.—Ps. lxxxix.

Or the following:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

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Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our maker.—Ps. xcv.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

O GOD, who lovest the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, and hast commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, be merciful to us, we pray thee, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer.

Grant us thy grace, without which we cannot serve thee acceptably. Deliver us from unbelief and hardness of heart; from hypocrisy and love of the world; from the dominion of

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the flesh, and from the powers of darkness: and endow us with faith, hope, and charity, that we may worship thee in spirit and truth, for such thou seekest to worship thee. Amen.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sacrifices of a broken and contrite heart, and hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that he should turn unto thee, and live; look upon us in thy compassion, we humbly entreat thee; for we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children.

Grant unto us repentance and remission of our sins, through thy Son Jesus Christ; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, and is now exalted at thy right hand, a prince and a Saviour. Amen.

Lord, I cry unto thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.—Ps. cxli.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who didst, in the fulness of time, send thy Son to be the consolation of Israel, and hast promised another Comforter to abide with us for ever; send forth, we entreat thee, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to enlighten, sanctify,

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and guide us; to strengthen us in every good word and work; to uphold us in all temptations and trials; to comfort us in all our sorrows and afflictions; to fill us with joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Scriptures may be read, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

O LORD, open thou our lips:
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

WE bow down before thee, O Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come; the blessed and only Potentate, dwelling in unapproachable light.

To thee shall every knee bow, and every tongue confess. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

WE worship thee; we praise thee; we magnify thy great name. Thou only art holy;

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thou only art the Lord. Thee all the powers and dominions of heaven do continually worship and praise; crying one to another and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee.

BEFORE the mountains were brought forth; or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

They shall perish, but thou dost endure; they shall wax old as a garment; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

WHITHER shall we go from thy Spirit? or flee from thy presence? The darkness hideth not from thee. Thou compassest our path, and art acquainted with all our ways.

Thou searchest the hearts of the children of men; and all things are naked and open in thy sight.

THOU hast created the world, and all things

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that are therein, visible and invisible; and thou upholdest them all by the word of thy power: and this day they continue as thou didst ordain; and thine eternal power and godhead are clearly seen in the things that are made.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night teacheth knowledge.

THE heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: Thou hast made summer and winter.

The day is thine; the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

CLOUDS and darkness are round about thee; justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

Just and true are thy ways, O thou King of saints.

MERCIFUL and gracious, slow to anger, and

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of great kindness: abundant in goodness and truth.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

SING unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life.

BLESS the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominions.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O GOD ALMIGHTY, who quickenest the dead, and who, as on this day, didst raise up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and give him glory; we pray that we, who have been baptized into his body, may also be made partakers of his Spirit, that we may walk in newness of life.

And as Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more, neither hath death any more

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dominion over him, may we, being made free from sin, serve thee, the living God, continually, having our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us, when we pray, thus to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then may follow the Sermon, and a Psalm may be sung.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may so receive thy Word into our hearts, that it may be unto us a savour of life unto life. By it may we be made wise unto salvation, and be perfectly furnished unto all good works. Amen.

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O Lord God Almighty, who art the framer of our bodies, and the Father of our spirits, and who hast sent thy Son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and death, give us thy grace, we entreat thee, that, being purified from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, we may perfect holiness in thy fear, yielding our members as instruments of righteousness unto thee, and being temples of the Holy Ghost; that when this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we may be received into everlasting habitations, and be clothed upon with our house from heaven; according to that working whereby Christ is able to subdue all things unto himself. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

We entreat thee, O Father, mercifully to receive the prayers of thy servants everywhere, that call upon thee for help and deliverance. And for this end, grant unto them the spirit of thy Son, that, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting, they may be heard in that they fear; and having learned obedience by

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the things they suffer, they may, in due time, be made partakers of thy salvation; through our merciful and faithful High Priest, Jesus Christ, who himself suffered and was tempted, and is able to succour us when we are tempted. Amen.

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.—Ps. xiii.

O God, whose counsels are from everlasting, and all whose ways, though inscrutable to us, are righteousness and truth; we adore thine unfathomable wisdom, thy boundless goodness, thy judgments, which are past finding out. Known unto thee are all thy works from the beginning; and thou bringest good out of evil,

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and light out of darkness, and makest the wrath of man to praise thee.

We thank thee, that, in the fulness of time, thy Son hath been manifested, to destroy the works of the devil: that the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

Let the beams of thy grace, which bringeth salvation, illuminate all the nations of the world: Let thy truth, O God, make the people free.

Hasten, we pray thee, the coming and kingdom of thy Christ; that the whole creation, which was made subject to vanity, and sigheth and groaneth in pain till now, earnestly expecting the revelation of the sons of God, may also be delivered from the bondage of corruption; and we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, may receive the adoption, even the redemption of our bodies: that the saying which is written may be fulfilled, Death is swallowed up of victory.

O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

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For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

KEEP us during the darkness of the night, O thou Shepherd of Israel, whose eyes are upon the righteous, and with whom the darkness is as light. Save us from all the works and the powers of darkness, and make us children of light and of the day, that we may dwell in the light of thy presence for ever: through him who is our light and life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us:

And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Praise ye the Lord. Amen.

After the singing of a Psalm,

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THE BENEDICTION.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.—Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

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A General Intercession.

(*Which may be used instead of any of the foregoing.*)

REMEMBER, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy whole Church militant here upon earth.

We pray thee to send down thy heavenly grace upon all whom thou hast called to serve thee in the ministry of the Word: that, by their labours, the whole body of the faithful may be edified and built up in their holy faith, and may be enriched with all heavenly gifts, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merciful God, look down upon thy desolate heritage; unite thy scattered and divided people; heal their divisions; put away all errors and heresies from the midst of them; cleanse thy sanctuary from all defilement of superstition and impiety. Build up thine altar, O God, that thy servants everywhere may

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present unto thee incense and a pure offering, acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

REGARD with compassion those who are in bitterness because of their transgressions; give unto them true repentance; restore unto them the joy of thy salvation, and uphold them with thy free Spirit. Amen.

COMFORT and succour, we beseech thee, all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity:

Especially we commend unto thee, those departing this life. May thy presence sustain them in that last hour when flesh and heart do fail. Defend them against the assaults of the enemy; and give them such patient hope and confidence that they may joyfully commit their spirits unto thee; and do thou receive them to thy rest. Amen.

STIR up the hearts of Christian parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that they may be pre-

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pared to fulfil their several callings in this life, and to adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things. Amen.

We pray for all estates of men in Christian lands; for kings and for all in authority; for Judges and Magistrates: Especially for this land, and for thy servant, our Sovereign Queen Victoria; for the Prince Consort, Albert Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Amen.

Grant peace to all nations; and in war do thou favour the righteous cause. Save us from factions and tumults, from confusion and bloodshed: and vouchsafe unto all Christian men to dwell together as brethren in unity and peace. Amen.

Vouchsafe unto us seasonable weather, that the fruits of the earth may be perfected, and gathered in. Preserve us from famine and from pestilence. Amen.

Send forth the news of thy salvation unto the ends of the earth; and turn the hearts of

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all Jews, heathens, and unbelievers, that they may become obedient to thy truth. Amen.

HASTEN, we entreat thee, O Lord, the second and glorious appearing of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and grant unto us that, daily looking for that blessed hope, we may not sleep as do others, but may watch and be sober, exercising ourselves unto godliness, and working out our own salvation with fear and trembling; that we, with all thy saints, may be presented holy and unblameable, before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy; through him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Amen.

Now to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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The Administration of the Sacrament

OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Preliminary Services being finished, the Minister may begin with reciting one or more of the following Sentences.

CHRIST, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.—1 Cor. v.

THE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?—1 Cor. x.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

(*Confession:*) ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast called

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us to have communion with thee, through the body and blood of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, that receiving him in faith and love, we may dwell in him and he in us; grant us thy Holy Spirit, that approaching to thy presence, and beholding thy divine glory, we may abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes.

We have grievously offended thee in thought, word, and deed, resisting thy will, grieving thy Spirit, breaking our vows, and dishonouring thy name.

Yet now, most gracious Father, have mercy upon us. Pardon all our sins, and cleanse us from all our defilements, both of the flesh and of the spirit: that being forgiven of thee, we may also forgive others their trespasses against us, and may walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice well-pleasing unto thee. Amen.

(*For Grace :*) O God, who, by thy dear Son, hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all, grant unto us, we beseech thee, the assurance of thy mercy, and sanctify

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us by thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching unto thee with pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto thee a sacrifice in righteousness, and may be accepted in thy sight, through our great High Priest, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

WE magnify and praise thy glorious name, O Lord God Almighty:

For thou didst form us in thine own image, giving us rational souls, and making us only a little lower than the angels:

For thou hast opened thy hand, and supplied all our wants, and hast loaded us with benefits, so that our cup runneth over:

For, as a man pitieth his own son, so hast thou pitied us; and as a father chasteneth the son whom he loveth, so hast thou chastened us, to make us partakers of thy holiness:

For all thy benefits known to us, for all unknown, we give thanks: but chiefly that when, through our disobedience, we had fallen from thee and forfeited thy favour, thou didst not suffer us to depart from thee for ever, but hast

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ransomed us from eternal death, by the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ thy Son; and hast given to us the blessed hope of everlasting life by his resurrection, his triumphant exaltation at thy right hand, by the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the glorious promise of his second coming in majesty to judge the quick and the dead.

O God our Saviour, thou hast broken our chains that we might be free: thou hast healed our diseased souls that we might not perish of the second death: thou hast enriched us, who were poor and destitute, with the treasures of thy salvation: thou hast made us, who were miserable sinners, to be heirs of God, that we might possess all things: thou hast exalted us in hope to be princes in thy kingdom, and to sit with Christ upon his throne; and even now, all things are ours, the world, and life, and death: and our present affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us an exceeding, even an eternal weight of glory.

Therefore do we, with one voice and one heart, laud and magnify thy glorious name, and with thy saints on earth and in heaven, we

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ascribe blessing and honour, and glory and power, unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then these words may be sung :—

O THOU my soul, bless God the Lord ;
And all that in me is,
Be stirred up his holy name
To magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
And not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
He hath bestow'd on thee.

All thine iniquities who doth
Most graciously forgive :
Who thy diseases all and pains
Doth heal, and thee relieve.

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
To death may'st not go down ;
Who thee with loving-kindness doth
And tender mercies crown :

The Lord our God is merciful,
And he is gracious,
Long-suffering, and slow to wrath,
In mercy plenteous.—Ps. ciii.

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Let us pray.

CONSECRATING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we, thy servants, calling to mind the most blessed sacrifice of thy Son, rejoicing in that salvation which he hath accomplished for us, do in this manner, eating this bread and drinking of this cup, according to his command, show forth the Lord's death till he come again:

Wherefore, we entreat thee to grant thy heavenly benediction, that these creatures of bread and wine may be set apart and consecrated to this holy use and mystery: that we, by faith, may look upon Christ our Lord, set forth under these symbols, and may receive the bread of everlasting life, and the cup of eternal salvation, so that the hunger and thirst of our souls may be satisfied, that the power of sin and death may be destroyed, both in the flesh and in the spirit, and we may be preserved in soul and body unto eternal life. Amen.

A Psalm of Praise.

O SEND out thy light and thy truth:

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Let them lead me; let them bring me to thy holy hill,
Even to thy tabernacles.
Then will I go to the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy:
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
I will offer to thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Now in the presence of all his people.

"*After all have communicated, the Minister may in a few words put them in mind*
"*Of the grace of God in Jesus Christ, held forth in this Sacrament; and exhort them to walk worthy of it.*" *After which,*
"*The Minister is to give solemn thanks to God.*" [1]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

(*Thanksgiving:*) ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee that thou hast now vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ;

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assuring us thereby that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice unto thee, which is our reasonable service; beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this sacrament may continue in that holy fellowship and communion of saints, and may constantly to our life's end do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE Lord hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation:
This is my rest for ever;
Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread:
I will clothe her priests with salvation;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

INTERCESSION.

(*For the whole Church:*) ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the

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head of his body, even the whole family in heaven and earth; we desire at this time, seated at thy holy table, to remember before thee all our brethren, members of the same family, and heirs with us of thy incorruptible kingdom.

Look down, O Father, upon thy Church militant on earth:

Upon all pastors and teachers, that, being illuminated by thy Spirit, they may rightly divide the word of truth, and may be examples to the flock over which thou hast made them overseers; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away:

And upon all thy people, that they may receive, in faith and love, the word of righteousness, and may bring forth much fruit, that thou mayest be glorified:

Upon thy scattered and divided flock, that the desolations of thine heritage may be repaired; and all heresies, schisms, and offences being put away, and thy sanctuary being cleansed of all defilement of superstition and impiety, thy children may serve thee in perfect

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love, in unity of spirit, and joy of the Holy Ghost.

Regard with thy compassion those who are in bitterness because of their transgressions: give unto them true contrition of heart; and strengthen and uphold them with thy free Spirit.

Comfort and succour, we beseech thee, all thy servants who are in trouble, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And especially we commend unto thee, those who are departing this life: beseeching thee to be present to them in that last hour when flesh and heart do fail; and give them such patient hope and confidence, that they may joyfully commit their spirits into thy hands. To thee, O Lord, we commit them; and pray thee to have mercy upon them, and to receive them to thy rest.

And, rejoicing in the blessed communion of thy saints, we remember before thee all thy servants who have departed this life, and who, having finished their course with joy, do rest from their labours, and sleep in Jesus, till the day of God shall dawn, and the shadows flee away:

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Thy faithful patriarchs of old, and all the prophets: thy holy apostles and evangelists: the blessed martyrs and confessors, even that great cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about; all thy saints, in every age, who served thee in life, and continued faithful unto death:

Our brethren and friends departed in the Lord, our parents, our children, and those who were as our own souls: believing that, though our eyes behold them no more, they have not perished, but are kept by thy mighty power unto eternal salvation; that their spirits are with thee, and their dust is precious in thy sight:

Thanking thee for all thy graces and mercies bestowed upon them, and beseeching thee that we may follow their good examples; that finally we may be made partakers with them, in soul and body, of thine everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

HASTEN, we beseech thee, O Lord, the coming and kingdom of thy Christ; at whose glorious appearing thy saints departed

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shall be raised, and they that are alive shall be caught up to meet him, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Under the veil of earthly things we have now communion with him, but with unveiled face we shall then behold him, rejoicing in his glory; and, by him, with the whole Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy.

Glory be to God in the highest;
Peace on earth; good-will to men.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then may be sung,—

FATHER of peace, and God of love!
We own thy power to save,
That power by which our Shepherd rose
Victorious o'er the grave.

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Him from the dead thou brought'st again,
  When, by his sacred blood,
Confirm'd and seal'd for evermore,
  Th' eternal cov'nant stood.

O may thy Spirit seal our souls,
  And mould them to thy will,
That our weak hearts no more may stray,
  But keep thy precepts still;

That to perfection's sacred height
  We nearer still may rise,
And all we think, and all we do,
  Be pleasing in thine eyes.—PAR. lx.

THE BENEDICTION.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Administration of Baptism.

The Minister may begin by reciting one or more of the following introductory Sentences.

GO ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. xxviii.

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.—Mark x.

The promise is unto you and to your children.—Acts iii.

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.—Gal. iii.

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Know ye not that so many of us as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have been baptized into his death; that like as Christ was raised up by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.—Rom. vi.

Those instructions and exhortations having been addressed to the parents of the child, which to "the godly wisdom of the Minister may appear necessary," "as the ignorance or errors of the people shall require;"—The following Prayers, taken (in substance) from the Directory, *may be said.*

Let us pray.

PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that as thou hast not left us strangers and aliens, but hast brought us into thy covenant, and given us the hope of thy promises in Christ Jesus, so thou wouldst graciously vouchsafe to sanctify and bless thine own ordinance at this time; joining the inward baptism of thy Spirit with the outward baptism of water; making it to this infant a seal of adoption, remission of sin, regeneration, and eternal life; that this

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child, being planted in the likeness of Christ's death, may also be in the likeness of his resurrection; that the body of sin being destroyed, *he* may walk in newness of life. Amen.

Let us pray.

PRAYER AFTER BAPTISM.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, who rememberest mercy, and keepest covenant to a thousand generations, we thank thee, that of thy great goodness thou hast not only numbered us among thy saints, but hast been pleased to bestow upon our children this token and seal of thy love in Christ Jesus our Lord, that they should be brought into thy Church, made members of thy household, and heirs of thy promises in Christ Jesus; whereby thy Church upon earth is continued, and increaseth daily.

And we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to receive this child, who has now been baptized, into thy fatherly guidance and defence, and regard him at all times with thy favour and love: that *he* may be protected from all evil and

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mischief, both in soul and body: may overcome the flesh, the world, and the devil: may increase in wisdom and in all goodness from day to day, till in the end *he* obtain a full and final victory, and so be kept by thy mighty power unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

O God, our Heavenly Father, without whose grace we can neither do nor think any thing that is truly good and acceptable in thy sight, grant, we pray thee, to thy servants, the parents of this child, that having now dedicated *him* unto thee, they may bring *him* up in the way that he should go; instructing him in the doctrine that is according to godliness, and guiding his steps in the paths of righteousness and peace.

[And bestow thy heavenly grace and benediction upon the other members of this family, that they all may be thy children, and heirs of that kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee.]

Which things we ask in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then a Psalm may be sung.

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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The Marriage Service.

The Minister may begin with reciting one or more of these Sentences.

MARRIAGE is honourable among all men.—Heb. xiii.

He that made them at the beginning, made them male and female, and said, For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they two shall be one flesh.—Matt. xix.

Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.—Prov. xviii.

Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.—2 Cor. vi.

Let us pray.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, who hast created us, and dost from day to day load us with thy benefits; and who hast

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sent thy well-beloved Son into the world, that we might not perish but might have everlasting life,—We thankfully acknowledge thy great goodness and mercy. We confess and lament our great unworthiness, and our manifold sins against thy divine majesty: and we beseech thee to forgive all our trespasses, and to accept us and bless us with thy favour and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who didst in the beginning create man out of the earth, and who, because it was not good for the man that he should be alone, didst form the woman to be an help meet for him; and didst bring her unto the man that they two might be one flesh; and didst bless them and say, that for this cause a man should leave his father and his mother, and should cleave unto his wife; and who hast, by thine apostle, declared that marriage is honourable in all,—We pray that thy blessing may rest upon these thy servants, who are now to be joined together according to thy holy institution and ordinance; that acknowledging thee, and seeking to please thee, in this and in

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all things, they may enjoy thy favour which is life, and thy loving-kindness which is better than life. And this we beg in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister, after having charged the parties to declare if they know any just cause or impediment why they should not be joined together; shall say,—

To the Man :—

Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife for better for worse; and do you promise, before God and these witnesses, that you will be to her a faithful and loving husband, till God shall separate you by death ?—*Ans.* I do.

To the Woman :—

Do you take this man to be your wedded husband for better for worse; and do you promise, before God and these witnesses, that you will be to him a faithful, loving, and obedient wife, till God shall separate you by death.—*Ans.* I do.

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Then I declare you married persons. And what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

A BENEDICTION.

THE Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.—Num. vi.

Then may be read the following Lesson.

WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for her; that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that he might present her to himself, a pure church,

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not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that she should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for ye are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband.—Eph. v. 22-33.

Or this:

LIKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

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Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.—1 Pet. iii. 1-7.

Ye are not your own: for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.—1 Cor. vi.

But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be

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as though they had none; and they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not: and they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away.—1 Cor. vii. 29-31.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the author and giver of all good things, who hast consecrated this estate of marriage, and made it holy, by thine own institution and blessing, and by the mystery whereby it sets forth the union of all faithful souls with Jesus Christ, our great Husband and Head; let thy blessing, we humbly entreat thee, descend and rest upon these thy servants, who have now been joined together. Grant unto them health, prosperity, and peace. May they dwell together in unity and love all the days of their life. And, above all things, O Lord, we pray thee to enrich their souls with thy heavenly grace, that they may obey and serve thee all their days, walking in the steps of Jesus Christ thy Son, and adorning his doc-

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trine; that, finally, when the joys and sorrows, and all the good and evil of this transitory world are ended, they may inherit thy promises, and be made partakers of eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven; where they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God. Amen.

O God, thou Almighty King, who dost invite us all, in thy Gospel, to the great marriage supper of thy Son, so incline our hearts by thy good Spirit, that we may yield obedience to thy gracious call and come to the wedding; and may we, each one, be so clothed in the garments of righteousness and true holiness, that we may be accepted of thee, and may sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all thy saints, to enjoy for ever that banquet of unutterable felicity, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Amen.

O Lord, whose only Son, Jesus Christ, did first display his divine power, by turning water into wine at that marriage in Cana, which he beautified with his presence; turn, O Lord, we

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pray thee, the water into wine, to us thy servants; that all our temporal mercies, being sanctified to us, may become spiritual blessings, and means of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then may be said or sung :—

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

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The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.—Ps. cxxviii.

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Service at the Burial of the Dead.

The Minister may recite the following Introductory Sentences.

IT is better to go to the house of mourning than the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to heart.—Eccl. vii.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord Jesus: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John xi.

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Then may be said this Psalm.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

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The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.—Ps. xc.

Or this,—

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

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Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.—Ps. xxxix.

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After which may follow this Lesson :—

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? It is sown in corruption, it is raised in

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incorruption: it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump (for the trumpet shall sound); and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

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and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. xv.

Or this,—

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you, by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are

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asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.—1 Thess. iv.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by

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faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.—2 Cor. v.

Let us pray.

WE humble ourselves, O Lord God, before the face of thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging that we are guilty in thy sight; for we have sinned and done wickedly, both we and our fathers: and the wages of sin is death.

But we thank and praise thee, that of thy unspeakable compassion and grace, thou hast sent thy well-beloved Son into the world, to redeem and deliver us, that we, who by our sins lay in death, might be made heirs, according to the hope of everlasting life; that as sin hath reigned unto death, so might grace reign

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through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who sendest forth thy spirit and we are created, and who takest away our breath, and we die and return to our dust, we bow in reverence before thy inscrutable judgments; remembering that thou, who orderest all things according to thine own will in heaven and earth, art also our merciful and loving Father, who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but dost correct us, that we may be partakers of thy holiness. We would therefore be subject unto thee, saying, The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

AND now we follow to the house appointed for all living, the dust of our dear *brother*, whom thou hast been pleased to call out of this sinful and dying world:

We commit *his* body to the grave; dust to dust, ashes to ashes, earth to earth, till that great day of thy judgment, when earth and sea shall give up their dead:

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Not sorrowing as others who have no hope; but believing, that as Jesus died and rose again, so them that sleep in Jesus thou wilt bring with him; that being cleansed from sin, and redeemed from the bondage of death, they may reign in immortal life, with Christ our Lord, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to that working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. Amen.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.—Rev. xiv.

Let us pray.

LORD, increase our faith.

MERCIFUL GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all thy servants who are fallen asleep in the Lord, and have received the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

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For all thy goodness and mercy vouchsafed to them in their earthly pilgrimage, we give thee praise and glory.

It is of thy grace that they fought the good fight and kept the faith, and have obtained the unfading crown, being conquerors, yea, more than conquerors, through him that loved us.

We magnify thy name, O God, our Father and their Father, that their trials and temptations being ended, sickness and death being past, with all the dangers and miseries of this present life, they have entered into the joy of their Lord, and are in perfect peace and felicity in thy presence for ever: their spirits being glorified with thee, and their bodies resting in the grave until the resurrection of the just.

May we, animated by their good examples, run the race that is set before us; not being weary in well-doing, or fainting when we are rebuked of thee; that when this transitory world is passed away, we may again be joined with our dear friends, departed in the Lord, in a perfect union and communion for ever, in thy kingdom of glory, where there shall be no more sickness or sighing, pain, sorrow, or death,

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for the former things shall have passed away. Amen.

GRANT us true repentance, and remission of all our sins: Cleanse us from all our iniquities: Deliver us from the dominion of sin, that we may be delivered from the fear and the power of death. And not knowing at what hour the Lord shall come, may we be sober and watch unto prayer, daily meditating on mortality and immortality, and giving all diligence to make our calling and election sure; that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear the second time in glory, we may appear with him, and receive that sentence, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

These things we ask, not in our own name, or trusting in our own worthiness, but for thy mercy's sake, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and who taught us thus to pray,—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed

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be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Or, instead of the foregoing, the following prayers (from the Dutch Reformed Liturgy) may be used.

O GOD, merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath said, Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted: Under the shadow of thy judgments we come to thee, and acknowledge thee to be Lord alone. Thou hast entered this house with thy chastenings: O be thou nigh in thy tender compassion to these afflicted ones. Bless thy sorrowing servants with thy consolations, which are neither few nor small. Convert them wholly to thyself, and fill their bleeding hearts with thy love.

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Make the night of their grief to be light by thy grace. Deliver us thy servants, we pray thee, from the bondage of our sins, that we may be free from fear of death, and be ready at thy coming. Yea, Lord, for Christ's sake sanctify us by thy Holy Spirit, that whether we live, we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord; whether we live or die, may we be the Lord's. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thine unworthy servants beseech thee, for Christ's sake, to have mercy upon us. From the borders of the grave we cry unto thee, For Christ's sake, have mercy upon us. It hath pleased thee to call out of this world the soul of our departed friend, whose body we now follow to *his* burial. We humbly entreat thee that we may with true penitence of heart receive the warning of thy providence, and consider that by reason of our guilt it is appointed unto us to die, and that in a moment when we think not we may appear before thee. Yea, Lord, by reason of our sins we lie in the midst of death. Spare us, O Lord; O most

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pitiful and long-suffering Lord God, spare us a little longer, that we may take refuge in Christ, abiding in him, that when he shall appear we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at his coming. O merciful God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, suffer none of us to live without godliness and die without hope; but constrain us mightily by thy love; that we, being renewed by thy grace, and accepted through Christ's intercession, may walk before thee in newness of life, and praise thee for ever among the assembly of the elect, where there shall be no more death, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away: which we implore for the sake of him who has taught us to say,—Our Father, &c.

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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Meditations, Songs of Praise,

AND

Prayers for Christian Worship.

Extracted from the Psalter and other parts of Scripture.

Psalm I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the

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judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm iii.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me? many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

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Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

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I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

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The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed; let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm viii.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

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All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm xv.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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PSALM XXII.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

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They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great con-

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gregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

Psalm xxiv.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully:

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He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm xxv.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

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Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

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Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm xxvii.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that

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will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

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I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

PSALM XXIX.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

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PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my foot in a large room.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief.

My strength faileth because of mine iniquity.

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But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

How great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints: the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

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PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

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The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He considereth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

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Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXVIII.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

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For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

But in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

Psalm xxxix.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

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Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength before I go hence, and be no more.

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Psalm xl.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts to us-ward: they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

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For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALMS XLII, XLIII.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multi-

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tude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holiday.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

The Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in

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God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLV.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath an-

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ointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM XLVII.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph:

For the Lord most High is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.

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God reigneth over the nations: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Psalm lv.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

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Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most High; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

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My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm lxii.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour

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out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance they are altogether lighter than vanity.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXVIII.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

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Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness:

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

Our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

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Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord:

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice—a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

PSALM LXX.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion that desire my hurt.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer.

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PSALMS LXXI, LXXIII.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden from the birth: my praise shall be continually of thee.

I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

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But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, o thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

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My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

It is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm lxxii.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

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He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

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I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God!

Thou art the God that doest wonders:

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thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

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Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm lxxxvi.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

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Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upou thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me, and

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the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Show me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there; all my springs are in thee.

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Psalm lxxxviii.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee?

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Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

Lord, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: I suffer thy terrors; I am distracted.

Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALMS LXXXIX, LXXIV.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

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For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

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Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Psalm xc.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

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For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

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And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm xcii.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

But thou, Lord, are most high for evermore.

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For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

But my horn shall thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm xciv.

THE Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

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But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul.

The Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

Psalm xcvi.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

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Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen, The Lord reigneth: The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm xcvii.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitudes of isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

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A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm xcviii.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

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The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm c.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

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Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm cii.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house-top.

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Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

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For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed;

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

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PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

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As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

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Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm civ.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty:

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches:

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

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There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

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Psalm cv.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength; seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Psalm cvi.

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can show forth all his praise?

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Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

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His work is honourable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious, and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

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A good man showeth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Psalm cxiii.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

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Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

Psalm cxv.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

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The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Psalm cxvi.

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

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I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

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PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord, say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

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The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath showed us light:

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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PSALM CXIX.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

DEAL bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

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Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

THOU art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I entreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

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THOU hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

LET thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

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Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

O HOW love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I HAVE sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

THOU art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

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THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

MY zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

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I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee.

LET my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

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For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

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Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

PSALM CXL.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man.

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Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked: preserve me from the violent man.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Psalm cxlii.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

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Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name; the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalm cxlv.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

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The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear

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him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed:

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which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cxlvii.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

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Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

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He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cxlviii.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

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Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men and maidens; old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

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The Song of Moses at the Red Sea.

I WILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: The Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in

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the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.—EXODUS XV.

And the Lord passed by before Moses, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

THE Lord, The Lord God,
Merciful and gracious,
Long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
Keeping mercy for thousands,
Forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin,
And that will by no means clear the guilty.
—EXODUS XXXIV.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

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The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—NUMBERS VI.

The Song of Moses before his death.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the Lord; ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity; just and right is he.

They have corrupted themselves; their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

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Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.—DEUT. XXXII.

Solomon's Prayer.

THEN said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

(But will God in very deed dwell with men

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on the earth? Behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!)

Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.—2 CHRON. VI.

The Prayer of Agur.

TWO things have I required of thee: deny me them not before I die:

Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

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Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.—PROV. XXX.

A Song of Praise.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end; upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to

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establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.—ISA. IX.

A Thanksgiving.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord: for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.—ISA. XII.

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A Song of Praise.

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees; of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he

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will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.—ISA. XXV.

A Song of Praise.

In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah;

WE have a strong city: salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are

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in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.—ISA. XXVI.

A Triumphant Song.

I AM the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

I, even I, am the Lord; and besides me there is no saviour.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

Let the wilderness and the cities thereof

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lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.—ISA. XLII., XLIII., XLIV.

A Psalm of Triumph.

AWAKE, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.

Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.—ISA. LI.

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A Song of Redemption.

AWAKE, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.—ISA. LII.

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A Song of Rejoicing.

I WILL greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.—ISA. LXI.

A Psalm of Thanksgiving and Confession.

I WILL mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

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In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.—ISA. LXIII.

A Prayer.

OH that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that

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the mountains might flow down at thy presence;

When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

But now, O Lord, thou art our Father: we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?—ISA. LXIV.

A Meditation and Prayer.

WHEREWITH shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?

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Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of

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the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.—MICAH VI., VII.

Daniel's Thanksgiving.

BLESSED be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting

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kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.—DANIEL II., IV.

Daniel's Confession.

O LORD, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy judgments:

Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us.—DANIEL IX.; NEHEMIAH IX.

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A Psalm of Praise.

THOU, even thou, art Lord alone:
Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host,
The earth, and all things that are therein,
The seas, and all that is therein,
And thou preservest them all;
And the host of heaven worshippeth thee.—
NEHEMIAH IX.

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The Song of the Blessed Virgin.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.—LUKE I.

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The Song of Zacharias.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant,

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham;

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God,

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whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.—LUKE I.

A Song of Praise and Triumph.

IF God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth;

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

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Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—ROM. VIII.

A Song of Victory over Death.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; (for the trumpet shall sound;) and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

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For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. xv.

A Psalm of Rejoicing.

WE are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

But we are come unto Mount Sion, and

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unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.—HEB. XII.

A Benediction.

NOW unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.—JUDE.

The Song sung in Heaven.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory,

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and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and they were created.

Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.—REV. IV., VII., I.

A Song of Triumph.

NOW is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

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EXTRACTS FROM NEW TESTAMENT.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.—REV. XII., XV.

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